Nature Narratives workshop at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum; Limit of 15 participants for Oct. 7 workshop that combines the work of your hands with that of Mother Nature's

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On Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, create an evocative and exciting composition that combines the work of your hands with that of Mother Nature's. Join "Among the Garbage and the Flowers" artist Alice Vander Vennen for Nature Narratives, a $50 workshop at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM) and leave with a finished and framed artwork.

As fall arrives, allow the rich texture, brilliant colours and nuanced lines of stitched textiles to interact with the ancient beauty of autumn treasures: imprinted stone, the bending branch and fragile leaf. Participants will create an assemblage by cutting, positioning and juxtaposing a variety of elements into a composition that tells a story. The finished art piece created from these treasures, found through exploration or everyday encounters, is subtle and compelling as a new narrative emerges. The finished piece will be a framed composition that allows the elements of nature to become a part of this visual poem.

The instructor will bring everything needed to create the finished assemblage, including copper, textiles and all framing materials. There is a limit of 15 participants. Come and enjoy this workshop, taking place right in the gallery surrounded by the art of 11 incredible textile artists on the last day of the "Among the Garbage and the Flowers" exhibit.

"Right in the exhibit space, this workshop is a great way to close 'Among the Garbage and the Flowers,'" MVTM executive director and curator Michael Rikley-Lancaster stated. "Alice's work shows a great depth of understanding for composition, and I look forward to her sharing her expertise with our community."

OPTIONAL MATERIALS

Participants are invited to bring natural treasures: a leaf, stone, branch or floating feather. It will also be helpful if participants bring a needle, threads and scissors, and a small assortment of a variety of textiles: found, precious, colourful or fascinating, if possible.

Tickets are available at www.mvtm.ca.

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